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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Transportation,
Housing and Urban Development, &
Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

As you craft the fiscal year 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you include \$2,500,000 for the Eastern Iowa Airport Deicing Facility and Snow Removal Equipment Facility as a community project funding request through the Department of Transportation, Airport Improvement Program account. The intended recipient is the Cedar Rapids Airport Commission, Eastern Iowa Airport, 2515 Arthur Collins Parkway SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

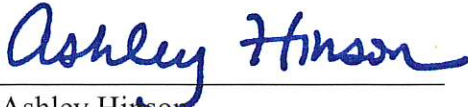
This project will support the design of a centralized aircraft deicing facility and a snow removal equipment storage facility at the Eastern Iowa Airport. The centralized aircraft deicing facility will dramatically reduce the environmental footprint of pavement required to collect aircraft deicing chemicals – from 40 acres down to 8 acres. This reduction in containment area will reduce the average annual water sent to the City of Cedar Rapids for treatment from 36 million gallons to an estimated 7 million gallons. This will not only reduce environmental concerns, but it will also lessen the burden on the city's water treatment facilities.

Relocating the existing snow removal equipment facility will help meet the airport's increasing demand, particularly given significant growth to air cargo and commercial aviation in the past five years. This growth has necessitated 34 new acres of pavement that need snow removal in Iowa's brutal winters. A centralized aircraft deicing facility and snow removal equipment storage facility will provide for safer, more efficient aircraft deicing and tarmac snow removal operations, which will in turn reduce aircraft delays during inclement weather.

The Eastern Iowa Airport is a critical transportation hub for thousands of residents in Iowa's Second Congressional District and these new facilities will improve efficiency and resiliency against winter weather while reducing the airport's environmental impact on the community.

I strongly urge the Committee to include this community project funding request in the FY24 transportation, Housing and Urban Development, & Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I appreciate your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ashley Hinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Ashley Hinson

Member of Congress

Committee on Appropriations